

SENATE BILL

No. 84

Introduced by Senator Burton

June 11, 2001

An act to add Section 25403.8 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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SB 84, as introduced, Burton. State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to undertake and implement various programs regarding energy, and in order to achieve a reduction in peak electricity demand, existing law appropriates to the commission funds to be expended for various energy purposes.

This bill would require the commission to develop and implement a program to provide battery backup power for those official traffic control signals that the commission, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, determines to be high priority traffic control signals.

The bill would require the Controller to reallocate an unspecified sum to the commission from funds that are currently required to be allocated by the controller to the commission for expenditure for various energy purposes in order to accomplish the purposes of this bill, thereby making an appropriation.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 25403.8 is added to the Public
2 Resources Code, to read:

3 25403.8. (a) The commission shall develop and implement a
4 program to provide battery backup power for those official traffic
5 control signals that the commission, in consultation with the
6 Department of the California Highway Patrol, determines to be
7 high priority traffic control signals.

8 (b) Based on traffic factors considered by the commission,
9 including, but not limited to, traffic volume, number of accidents,
10 and presence of children, and in consultation with the Department
11 of the California Highway Patrol, the commission shall determine
12 a priority schedule for the installation of battery backup power for
13 traffic control systems.

14 (c) The commission shall also develop the necessary technical
15 criteria as to wiring, circuitry, and recharging units for traffic
16 control signals. Only light-emitting diodes (LED) traffic control
17 signals are eligible for battery backup power.

18 (d) Based on the criteria described in subdivision (c), the
19 commission shall provide to the Department of Transportation,
20 cities, and counties backup battery systems described in this
21 section in accordance with the priority schedule established by the
22 commission pursuant to subdivision (b).

23 SEC. 2. The sum of ____ dollars (\$____) is hereby reallocated
24 by the Controller to the State Energy Resources Conservation and
25 Development Commission from funds appropriated and allocated
26 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5 of Chapter 7 of the
27 2001–2002 First Extraordinary Session for purposes of this act.

28 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
30 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
31 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

32 Due to the shortage of electric generation capacity to meet the
33 needs of the people of the state and in order to limit the impact of
34 that shortage on the public health, safety, and welfare due to the
35 nonoperation of traffic control signal lights during anticipated

1 rotating blackouts, it is necessary that this act take effect
2 immediately.

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